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SUBJECT: CUBAN SUGAR CHIEF VISITS PHILIPPINES

PASS THORNBURN/SUGAR & TROPICAL PRODUCTS/USDA/FAS

1. FOLLOWING THE VISIT TO CUBA BY MRS. MARCOS LAST AUGUST AND THE RECENT MEETING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN SUGAR ASSOCIATION (LASA) IN PERU WHERE THE PHILIPPINES WAS GIVEN FULL OBSERVER STATUS IN LASA, EMILIANO LEZCANO, HEAD OF CUBAN SUGAR AGENCY AND ALBERTO COLUMBIE, TOKYO REPRESENTATIVE FOR CUBAZUCAR, VISITED PHILIPPINES DURING WEEK OF OCTOBE 27.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN ALL MAJOR DAILIES AND PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS STAFF, THE PHILIPPINES AND CUBA HAVE AGREED ON EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ON SUGAR, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MILLS, USE OF NEW VARIETIES, ULTIVATION PRACTICES AND SUGAR TECHNOLOGY IN GENERAL. PRESIDENT MARCOS ALSO SAID THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREED TO COORDINATE MARKETING POLICIES ON THE EXPORT OF SUGAR. LEZCANO REPORTEDLY MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, PHILIPPINE EXCHNAGE, SUGAR QUOTA ADMINISTARTION AND WITH PLANTERS AND "SUGAR EXPORTERS."

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3. IN EMBASSYVIEW, AGREEMENT IS FAIRLY NON-COMMITTAL. SINCE
GOP LIKELY WILL CONTINUE MARKETING MOST OF SUGAR FOB PHILIPPINE
TRADE HOUSES, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE MUCH
MEANINGFUL COORDINATION OF MARKETING POLICIES. INDEED ISSUE IS
THAT EACH IS TRYING FATHOM THE OTHER'S MARKETING INTENTIONS,
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE PHILIPPINE PENETRATION OF THE
JAPANESE MARKET.

4. SINCE THE LASA MEETINGS, PHILIPPINE SUGAR AUTHORITIES HAVE
BEEN DIFFICULT TO SEE. THE AGATTACHE HAS TRIED ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS TO CONTACT MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO
THE LASA MEETINGS IN LIMA, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. IN FACT, THE
SUGAR QUOTA ADMINISTRATOR HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT VISITORS
TO SQA MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST IN WRITING, IDENTIFYING REASONS
FOR VISIT, AND HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL OF SQA BEFORE BEING ALLOWED
TO SEE SQA OFFICIALS. WHILE THE SYSTEM HAS NOT YET BEEN TESTED,
THE ORDER APPARENTLY CAME FROM A HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL AND IS
NO DOUBT DESIGNED TO RESTRICT THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION,
NOT ONLY TO NON-PHILIPPINE PERSONNEL BUT ALSO TO PHILIPPINE
NATIONALS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

5. THE AGATTACHE HAS JUST SUBMITTED THE SEMI-ANNUAL SUGAR
REPORT, PH5046, AND WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN MOST OF THE NEEDED
INFORMATION BEFORE THE NEW INSTRUCTIONS WENT INTO EFFECT.
AT AN EARLY DATE THE AGATTACHE WILL HAVE A NEED TO CONTACT
SQA PERSONNEL FOR DATA AND WILL THEN BE ABLE TO DETERMINE
THE RESTRICTIVENESS OF THE NEW INSTRUCTIONS.
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